

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A disposable absorbent article comprising: a main absorbent article body part, in turn comprising a liquid permeable surface side sheet, a liquid impermeable back face side sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid permeable surface side sheet, an absorbent body, positioned between the liquid permeable surface side sheet and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet, and flap parts, formed at least at the peripheral edge parts of said liquid impermeable back face side sheet and extending outward beyond the respective sides in the width direction of said absorbent body; and an outer layer sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid impermeable back face side sheet of the main absorbent article body part; and wherein a dorsal waist part, a crotch part, having leg parts at both sides, and a ventral waist part are formed successively and integrally in the longitudinal direction, a dorsal waist part elastic body and a ventral waist part elastic body of said outer layer sheet, which stretch in the width direction of the outer layer sheet, are disposed respectively at the dorsal waist part and the ventral waist part of said outer layer sheet, leg part elastic bodies are disposed respectively at said leg parts at the respective sides of said outer layer sheet,

 said leg part elastic bodies are formed as first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies,

 said first leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at one side, have an intermediate part crossing said crotch part obliquely towards a part of said ventral waist part at the other side, and have the other end side set along the leg part at the part of said ventral waist part at the other side,

 said second leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at the other side, have an intermediate part intersecting said first leg part elastic bodies and crossing said crotch part obliquely towards a part of said ventral waist part at the one side, and have the other end side set along the leg part at the part of said ventral waist part side at the one side, and

third leg part elastic bodies are disposed along the flap parts at both sides of said main absorbent article body part.

Claim 2 (original): A disposable absorbent article comprising: a main absorbent article body part, in turn comprising a liquid permeable surface side sheet, a liquid impermeable back face side sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid permeable surface side sheet, an absorbent body, positioned between the liquid permeable surface side sheet and the liquid impermeable back face side sheet, and flap parts, formed at least at the peripheral edge parts of said liquid impermeable back face side sheet and extending outward beyond the respective sides in the width direction of said absorbent body; and an outer layer sheet, positioned at the back face side of the liquid impermeable back face side sheet of the main absorbent article body part; and wherein a dorsal waist part, a crotch part, having leg parts at both sides, and a ventral waist part are formed successively and integrally in the longitudinal direction, a dorsal waist part elastic body and a ventral waist part elastic body, which stretch in the width direction of the outer layer sheet, are disposed respectively at the dorsal waist part and the ventral waist part of said outer layer sheet, leg part elastic bodies are disposed respectively at said leg parts at the respective sides of said outer layer sheet,

said leg part elastic bodies are formed as first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies,

said first leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at one side, have an intermediate part crossing said crotch part along the width direction, and have the other end side set along the leg part at a part of the ventral waist part at the other side,

said second leg part elastic bodies have one end side set along a leg part from a part of said dorsal waist part at the other side, have an intermediate part substantially matched with the intermediate part of said first leg part elastic bodies and crossing said crotch part along the width direction, and have the other end side set along the leg part at a part of said ventral waist part side at the one side, and

third leg part elastic bodies are disposed along the flap parts at both sides of said main absorbent article body part.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein

the main absorbent article body part is affixed to the outer layer sheet at the back face side,

the crotch part of the outer layer sheet is notched so as to be substantially concave towards the inner sides in the width direction, and

the third leg part elastic bodies, which are positioned at the flap parts of said main absorbent body part, have at least a portion thereof disposed outward beyond the leg parts at the respective sides of the outer layer sheet.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1 any of Claims 1 through 3, wherein

the third leg part elastic bodies are positioned at least respectively between the vicinities of the positions at which the first leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect and the vicinities of the positions at which the second leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1 any of Claims 1 through 4, wherein

a pair of three-dimensional gathers, which are erected in the direction of the body of a wearer when the absorbent article body is fitted onto the body of the wearer, are formed in mutually opposing manner at outer side parts at the respective sides that are positioned outwards in the width direction beyond the vicinities of the third leg part elastic bodies of the main absorbent article body part.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1 ~~any of Claims 1 through 5~~, wherein

each of the first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies is arranged to be lower in tensile strength at the intermediate part, positioned in the direction of crossing said crotch part, than at the one end side and the other end side that are positioned along the leg parts at the respective sides.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 1 ~~any of Claims 1 through 6~~, wherein

the outer layer sheet has central elastic bodies, positioned along the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body at the width direction center of the absorbent body that is positioned at the surface side of the outer layer sheet.

Claim 8 (new): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein
the main absorbent article body part is affixed to the outer layer sheet at the back face side,
the crotch part of the outer layer sheet is notched so as to be substantially concave towards
the inner sides in the width direction, and

the third leg part elastic bodies, which are positioned at the flap parts of said main absorbent body part, have at least a portion thereof disposed outward beyond the leg parts at the respective sides of the outer layer sheet.

Claim 9 (new): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein
the third leg part elastic bodies are positioned at least respectively between the vicinities of
the positions at which the first leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the
respective sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect and the vicinities of the positions at
which the second leg part elastic bodies and the outer side parts of the flap parts at the respective
sides of the main absorbent article body part intersect.

Claim 10 (new): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein

a pair of three-dimensional gathers, which are erected in the direction of the body of a wearer when the absorbent article body is fitted onto the body of the wearer, are formed in mutually opposing manner at outer side parts at the respective sides that are positioned outwards in the width direction beyond the vicinities of the third leg part elastic bodies of the main absorbent article body part.

Claim 11 (new): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein each of the first leg part elastic bodies and second leg part elastic bodies is arranged to be lower in tensile strength at the intermediate part, positioned in the direction of crossing said crotch part, than at the one end side and the other end side that are positioned along the leg parts at the respective sides.

Claim 12 (new): The disposable absorbent article according to Claim 2, wherein the outer layer sheet has central elastic bodies, positioned along the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body at the width direction center of the absorbent body that is positioned at the surface side of the outer layer sheet.